# BERMEL GONE, GRESSER IN

CASSIDY DONE UP AND THE GRAND JURY FLOUTED.

It Was "Gone Again Flanagan" for Little Tim and Too Much Grand Jury for Bermel-Cassidy Men Fighting Mad Over Their Vacation Without Pay.

Joseph Bermel, who resigned his job as Borough President of Queens on Wednesday, contemned yesterday a subpæna from the Queens county Grand Jury and sailed for Europe just about the time that his old rival Joe Cassidy was getting about the worst jolt in Mr. Cassidy's career.

Bermel's friend and Public Works Commissioner, Lawrence Gresser, was elected Forough President at noon by the Aldermen of Queens sitting in the Manhattan Aldermanfe chamber under the gavel of Mayor McClellan, beating Cassidy by one vote, three to two.

Cassidy and the army of place hunters that still trail along after the deposed king of Queens thought it was a cinch that Cassidy would step into Bermel's shoes. They were betting 2 to 1 on the proposition on Wednesday night. Little Tim Sullivan and Cassidy and half a dozen more gifted persuaders labored with Young Joe Flanagan. a Democratic Alderman from Queens, a good part of Wednesday night easing in to Mr. Flanagan the idea that Joe Cassidy was a good fellow who never forgot the gang.

They thought they had Young Joe roped, tied and hobbled. As it turned out, they didn't, and there came pretty nearly being a riot at the City Hall when Flanagan threw Cassidy down and east the deciding vote that elected Gresser. Mr. Flanagan is to have Mr. Gresser's fat job as Commissioner of Public Works.

Things began to happen at 10:30 o'clock vesterday morning, when Bermel appeared in the Administration Building over in Long Island City where the Grand Jury is investigating the Kissena Park transaction. Bermel showed up with his sonin-law, Althaus, looking yellow about the face, sick and worried. Assistant District Attorney Thorndyke McKenee, who is conducting the investigation for District Attorney Darrin, had a chat with Bermel. A little later Bermel started down the steps toward his automobile and was about to get in when Lieut. Butler ran after him and called him back.

The Grand Jury wants you, Mr. Bermel, said Butler. "Better not go away.

"Oh, all right," said Bermel, disgustedly, He went into the Grand Jury room and staved in about ten minutes. As he came out Butler handed him a subposna calling on him to appear before the Grand Jury at 10 o'clock this morning-meaning that he couldn't go to Europe as advertised. Bermel's face took on a sicklier yellow as he read it. He said he would be back at 2 o'clock in the afternoon as he didn't ult the Grand Jury would want him for the day and he thought he would take a spin out to his country home. He intimated that he would have a statement to give out when he came back.

The Cunarder Slavonia was due to sail at noon, but there was such a press on the dock, caused by the departure of the party of pilgrims which Bishop Charles T. McDonnell is taking to Rome-Bermel being one of the pilgrims-that the casting off of lines was delayed a few minutes. Mr. Bermel and his wife got to the ship just in time, with a dozen of Bermel's friends escorting them bearing floral pieces, one of which was inscribed in white flowers, "God Speed Our Leader." Bermel seemed worried and unhappy. Mrs. Bermel had been crying.

Bermel said he expected to return in about six weeks. He refused to talk about politics, Grand Jury investigations, Cassidy or the tax rate in his borough. He said, though, somewhat grimly:

"You can say that I bear no ill will toward my enemies and that I wish both my friends and foes good luck."

With which amiable valedictory Mr Bermel bowed for the last time toward the frantically cheering officeholders and strong arm men and escorted Mrs. Bermel to their cabin, both bearing the floral offerings of a grateful constituency. The Slavonia started

It was then or about then that young Mr. Flanagan, having executed a flipflop that fairly dazed Sullivan and Cassidy, was in the Aldermanic chamber over here nominating Lawrence Gresser to succeed Joseph Bermel. Bermel, having made Gresser heir apparent to the roll top desk and salary rolls and other little things in his office, probably knew just what agony the Cassidyites were suffering, although he said very coonily before departing that he had no idea just who his successor would be, but he hoped it would be Gresser, a very fine fellow, who had the interests of the taxpayers next his heart.

The Aldermanic chamber was crowded when the Mayor whacked for order, some of our most successful paliticians from five boroughs being on hard congratulating the curly haired Cassidy in advance. Hogan and Quinn, the Cassidy Democrats; George Emener, Independence Leaguer, and Carter, the Republican, were on hand, but Flanagan hadn't come. Mr. Carter moved for adjournment, but Clerk Scully having sought a quorum diligently found it and notified the Mayor they could go shead. Fine for the Cassidyites, who smiled like Chessy cats. Would Flanagan appear? Well, they guessed not! Even if he did it would be all right. Joe was a good bey and Little Tim had been soothing

him for many hours. Well, young Flanagan walked in just then, grinning nervously at the Cassidyites and the Bermelites. Nearly everybody in the room was staring at him, the Cassidy crowd confidently, the Bermel people doubtfully. The Mayor had the call read and then called for nominations. Alderman Tom Quinn said he had a mighty good Democrat to put in nomination-Joseph Cassidy-st which there were enthusiastic grunts from the Cassidy tong, a demonstration which the Mayor promptly suppressed. Young Flanagan got up. He made his first speech about a week ago and rather liked it. The Cassidyites viewed him approvingly, but as he proceeded their faces stiffened and they began to growl. Mr. Off Again, On Again, Gone Again Flanagan had trun 'em and Joe's goose was done to a dark brown.

"I nominate a man," said Mr. Flanagan, sweetly, "who is as poor as I am, and that's going some. I hope my friends will know 'hat I'm on the level after my action here tay. I nominate Lawrence Gresser." face went purple. Several husky gentle-

men with a punch that has been extremely useful to King Joe in the primaries of Queens slipped out. They intimated in flitting that they were going to alter the maps of some gents wot didn't know the meanin of loy'lty. After that there was a bit of cheering,

mostly for Gresser, and Clerk Scully called the roll. Aldermen John J. Hogan and Thomas Quinn voted for Cassidy. Alderman Emener, Independence League; Alderman Carter, Republican, and Alderman Flanagan, Democrat, were for Gresser.

The Mayor administered the oath to Gresser and the party broke up so far as the Aldermanic chamber was concerned, although it boiled all over the City Hall corridors and roared down the steps into the park.

Little Emener, stout, round and good natured, with a pleasant German dialect, which when he gets excited is much intensified, fell afoul of a much aggrieved Cassidyite, who grabbed him by the collar. --!! ---!!! ---?? ---!!!! ---!" shouted the Cassidy person within an inch of Mr. Emener's countenance.

"It iss nott so," replied Mr. Emener. "If was nodt a chentleman I vould hidt vou!" "Augrerre-refer-ughererer!" continued the angry one, but just then a cop pried them apart.

There were half a dozen near scraps in the held up. corridor, much to the amusement of Marty Keese, who has seen lively goings on in that house of government and had begun to believe that we have fallen upon spineless days, but nobody's nose was severely punched, nobody's map was altered. The police stood for a lot because they realized. no doubt, what a bitter disappointment Cassidy and his crowd had suffered.

There was many a battle over in Long Island City last night, though, where the partisans had trained on pans of liquor all day long.

The opinion seems to be pretty general that Gresser will keep Bermel's people in office and that the boys won't go hungry next winter Gresser, who is a shoemaker by trade, is fairly popular over in the borough, and there is some hope that he'll give decent government. Any bookmaker would lay 50 to 1 that there'll be nothing doing for the Cassidy crowd.

It isn't at all likely, so far as could be gathered, that the District Attorney's office will take any very severe action against Joseph Bermel for resenting an excess of Grand Jury subpœnas. Mr. Darrin, who is regarded as a pretty good friend of Bernel, was too busy to talk about it, and Mr. McKenee, his assistant, wasn't sure what would be done. He said the Grand Jurymen were sore and would like to have satisfaction. They might even indict Mr.

Still, none of Bermel's friends thought that was likely. His counsel, Francis H. Van Vechten, who advised Bermel to resign, said yesterday that he understood the Grand Jury was through with Bermel and that he was not obliged to reappear.

"Bermel is more sinned against than sinning. They haven't a thing on him, not a thing. He didn't make anything out of the Kissena Park transaction Why of course not.

Grand Jury's crier was pacing solemnly up and down the hall over in Long Island City bellowing:

"Mr. Bermel! Mr. Bermel! Mr. Bermel!" \$2,175 FOR \$10 PIECE.

One of Two in Existence Coined in Cincinnati in 1849. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUR LONDON, April 30 .- There was auctioned at Sotheby's to-day a ten dollar gold piece issued by the Cincinnati Mining and Trading Company in 1849, which, it was stated,

It was purchased for \$2,175. It is understood it was bought on behalf of an Ameri-

is one of the only two in existence.

KILLED BY A PRINCE IN TURKEY Kansan's Son Complains That the Amer' an Minister Was Inactive.

The steamship Koenig Albert brought here yesterday the body of C. B. Warkentin, who was accidentally shot and killed by a prince in Turkey in April while travelling with his wife. He was a citizen of Newton, Kan., and was known as "the father of hard wheat." Mrs. Warkentin and her son Carl accompanied the body, which will be taken to Newton for interment in a mausoleum which Mr. Warkentin had built last year when he had a premonition

that he would soon die. Mr. Warkentin was born in the Crimea and came to this country in 1872. Last year he retired from active work and planned a trip through Russia and the East. "I may never come back," he told his wife, "so I will have my grave all prepared."

Last March he was travelling with his wife from Damascus to Beirut. In the next compartment to the one they occupied was a prince who was starting on a hunting trip and who was playing with a new gun. The weapon was discharged, and the bullet struck Mr. Warkentin and he died soon afterward. Mrs. Warkentin tried to obtain the name of the prince but was unsuccessful. She had difficulty in getting passports for the removal of the body and appealed to the American Minister, Mr.

Leishman. Carl Warkentin, on landing, said: "The Minister had the nerve to ask my mother to go to the embassy to get the passports. He also said that it would be impossible to have the prince punished and advised her to say nothing about the matter. We shall make complaint of Mr. Leishman to Washington."

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM OUT OF DATE Whole Service Might Be Paralyzed by

Fire or an Accident. Supt. Martin of the telegraph bureau of the Fire Department told the Commissioners of Accounts yesterday that the fire alarm system of this city was antiquated and was likely at any moment to "go out" and be rendered useless. The system was not adapted to a city as big as New York. Below Fifty-ninth street the trunk wires were in an especially bad condition. A fire at either Police Headquarters or Fire Headquarters would put the whole alarm system out of service.

The trunk wires for the East Side are car ried under the Third avenue and Ninth avenue elevated structures. If by accident the insulation of the trunk cables should be destroyed the entire fire alarm service below Fifty-ninth street would immediately be put out of order. He recommended the installation of an entirely new system, with the wires underground

and a fireproof headquarters.

## when Mr. Flanagan sprang that. Cassidy's ROB SAFE ON P. R. R. EXPRESS

BANDITS GET FOUR BAGS OF GOLD COIN AND BUNDLE OF BILLS.

Enter Car at Pittsburg Union Station, Hold Up Messenger With Pistols, Force Him to Open Safe, Stop Train With Emergency Signal and Escape to Woods.

PITTSBURG, April 30.-By holding up Express Messenger N. Roshen of the Adams Express Company and a baggageman at the points of revolvers and later making their escape bearing four bags of gold coin, fruit this year. two unknown men to-night, between Carnegie and Walkers Mills, perpetrated one of the most daring train robberies ever attempted east of the Rocky Mountains.

The first section of train No. 25 on the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad, due to leave Union Station at 9:55, but starting ten minutes late, was the object of attack.

It comprises through express cars and sleepers from New York for St. Louis. Ingram and Crafton, the messenger was

The robbers must have boarded the rain at Union Station, as it had made no stops after leaving Pittsburg. They kept the messenger covered with revolvers until past Carnegie and in the vicinity of Walkers Mills, where they stopped the train by pulling the signal cord. Seizing their plunder they disappeared after tying Roshen and the baggageman.

After the robbers left the train it coninued to a telegraph signal tower a mile west of Walker's Mills. Here the messenger and conductor of the train reported the robbery to the operator.

According to the messenger's statement o the operator, the men must have boarded the express car in Pittsburg Union Station while it was being loaded with baggage. They hid behind two big theatrical trunks and maintained silence until after the train passed Carnegie. With two revolvers the thieves emerged from their hiding place. "Hands up!" they shouted and the messenger and baggagemen stood with their hands above their heads.

The messenger's repeating rifle was standng in the corner, and one of the robbers threw the weapon out of the car door.

"Open this box!" one of the men commanded. The messenger hesitated, but the thieves shoved the revolvers close to his head and commanded him to be quick. He opened the iron box, and they then ordered him and the baggagemen to walk to the south end of the car.

The thieves got four bags containing gold and paper money. The loss is large, but the Adams Express officials here refuse to make an estimate. Nothing but money was taken. After the robbery the messenger and baggageman were tied hands and feet. Just as the train entered Walkers Mills the engineer received two violent signals on the emergency cord and stopped suddenly, Both the train and Pullman conductors curious to know the reason for the stop, ran forward along the track. The light from the baggage car shone out through the open side door into the darkness. When they approached they found the messenger and baggageman tied. Liberating these men, the conductor ordered the train run to the signal tower. The engineer gave several long and loud blasts of the locomotive's whistle. This attracted almost every man in the little town of Walkers Mills to the railroad. It was explained to them by the engineer and conductor what had happened, and they hurried to their homes for weapons and, forming a posse, started on the trail of the thieves.

The messenger was able to furnish an excellent description of the robbers. Both were well dressed and one wore a mustache It is said that the robbers took to the woods near Robinson's Grove, which is about a mile north of Walker's Mills. It is the most lonesome spot on the Panhandle

Railroad. Word was immediately telephoned to Detective M. Richard Conley, at McDonald. about ten miles west of Walker's Mills, and he and a party of deputies started in pursuit of the thieves. Within a few minutes of midnight county detectives were notified of the robbery and took a train for Walker's Mills. Posses on horseback were organized and are scouring the country. Officers of the entire region have been notified to

be on the lookout. The familiarity of the train robbers with railroad affairs and the movement of express packages it is thought constitute a clew. They are said to have picked out their booty without hesitation, apparently knowing exactly what they wanted.

A section hand said he saw the robbers enter a buggy on the Noblestown road not far from the station He said that a third man stepped from the buggy, and assisted the thieves with the money.

It was said late to-night that the gold was put aboard the train at Jersey City and was from the New York Sub-Treasury for the Sub-Treasury at St. Louis

SENIOR CLASS WALKS OUT.

Strike at Syracuse University Over Suspension of Three Classmen

SYRACUSE, April 30 .- As a result of the esolution passed last week criticising the action of the executive committee of Syracuse University trustees in dismissing Dean Kent from the faculty of the College of Applied Science, the members of the committee which signed the resolutions were this morning summoned before Chancellor Day and suspended until such time as the class retracts those portions of the resolutions which criticised the action of the trustees. A virtual strike was then declared and this morning the entire senior class walked

out when the three men were refused classes by the Chancellor's order. Following a lengthy session with the Chancellor at noon the cooler heads of the class advised a compromise, with the result that this evening t is appounced that the class will modify the resolutions to meet the Chancellor's

Following the suspension of the students and the walkout of the senior class the wildest excitement ensued. The other classes prepared to formulate resolutions, and a general boycott of the university was threatened. The general belief is that the trouble is not ended, and a demonstration is looked for to-morrow in the chapel. Dean Kent and the Chancellor are at odds, and the student body takes his retirement hard.

DORFLINGER FINE GLASSWARE

SNOW IN MIDDLE WEST.

Frost Kills Thousands of Acres of Vegetables-Snow Stops Races.

CHICAGO, April 30 .- Winter weather prevailed in several Central Western States to-day. It snowed in Ohio, Kentucky and parts of southern Illinois and Indiana, and killing frost is reported from Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska and Missouri. Thousands of acres of garden truck, flower beds and other green products were ruined. Strawberry plants are frozen and wilted. Current bushes and fruit trees of all kinds which were covered with buds will bear no

The snow was so heavy in Kentucky that the running races scheduled for Lexington this afternoon were called off. Such a proceeding was never heard of before. The snow fell heavily and persistently. In Louisville a fall of two inches is reported, and several points report the heaviest fall of the season.

A heavy wet snow is reported from practically every city in Ohio. The recent hot weather had brought out vegetation of all Beyond Shraden, while passing through | kinds to an unusual extent for this time of year, and to-day's storm is expected to do much damage. Trees in full bloom were broken by the weight of the snow.

A severe wind storm did considerable damage in Florida and parts of Louisiana CORRY, Pa., April 30.-There was

record breaking snowstorm along Lake Erie to-day. Snow has fallen since this morning to a depth of six inches from Cleveland to Buffalo

BUFFALO, April 30.—The whole western part of the State is under a blanket of wet heavy snow to-night. It has been snowing all day and the prospects are fair for another day of the beautiful in Buffalo. The weather man here reports a fall of more than eight inches, steadily growing. The streets of Buffalo to-night are covered with a thick, slippery, dirty mess.

FIRST THROUGH NEW SUBWAY An Inspection Train Went at 2 P. M. Yesterday, Passenger Trains This Morning.

The first passenger train to go through the subway to the new Brooklyn terminal left West Farms at 12:10 o'clock this morning. It was run in two sections, of eight cars each, on the regular schedule of the Lenox avenue express. The first section left Bowling Green at 1:06 o'clock and was followed a few minutes later by the other Both trains were moderately full.

General Manager Hediev spent the evening in the new stations in Brooklyn. He found the Hoyt street station completed. but the work was only about half finished at Nevins street and Flatbush avenue terminals. Extra gangs of workmen were put on, and it is hoped that the stations will

be in better shape by to-night. The first of all trains to run from Manhattan to the new Brooklyn terminus arrived at the terminus at 2 P. M. yesterday. It consisted of three cars, the first of which was steel meter our 3350. It was an inspection trip and no attempt a: speed was made. Stops were made at the stations at Hoyt street and Nevins street, as well as between stations to examine for clearance and to inspect the wires, cables and pipes, which in some cases still occupy temporary loca-

Owing to the desire of the Interborough company to op n the road to the public as early as possible, great efforts have been made to finish the work, and all records have been broken in completing the Nevins street and Atlantic avenue stations and the line between the e sations. Mor: than 500 men have been constantly employed at Atlantic avenue station alone. These are wiremen, tilelayers, plasterers, concrete workers, carpenters, ironworkers, track and signal men, all striving to have the station ready for the opening this morning.

BROOKLYN'S SUBWAY DAY. Celebration Over Extending Line by Parade

Banquet and Other Festivities. The celebration of the opening of the Brooklyn subway through Fulton street and Flatbush avenue to the station in front of the Long Island Railroad depot to-day will commence with the official trip from City Hall, Manhattan, which is to start at 3:30 o'clock P. M. The party will comprise about 400, including Mayor McClellan, Comptroller Metz, the Public Service Commission, the Borough Presis dent and other city officials and the officials of the Interborough Company.

From the Flatbush avenue station the party will march to the Baptist Temple in Schermerhorn street and Third avenue a few blocks distant, where a public meeting is to be held.

The principal feature of the celebration will be a big military and civic parade in the evening. The military division will comprise the Second Brigade, Twentythird Regiment, Fourteenth Regiment, Forty-seventh Regiment, Thirteenth Coast Art llery Corps, Second Battalion Naval Militia and Third Battery Field Artillery.

A banquet is to be held at the Union League Club under the direction of the committee of one hundred. August Belmont will be the guest of honor.

DEMANDED E. R. THOMASS WILL Woman Surprises a Lawyer and

Bellevue. Charlotte Green, a stenographer who lives at 400 St. Nicholas avenue, went into the law office of Robert Frank in the New York Life Building on Broadway yesterday afternoon and insisted upon seeing "the will of E. R. Thomas," which she said must be in Frank's possession.

The lawyer tried to convince the woman that he held no such instrument, but when she grew hysterical and said that Mr. Thomas had provided for her in his will and that she must see the document Frank called Policeman James Sullivan in and the woman was removed to the psychopathic ward in Bellevue.

Dr. M. S. Gregory, who examined the patient when she arrived, said that she semed to be suffering from mild dementia She will be kept under observation for five

Fereman's House Blown Up.

BUTTE, Mont., April 30.-The home of J. G. Wicklund, foreman of a quarry near Anaconda, was dynamited last night, presumably by some foreigner recently discharged by Wicklund. Wicklund, his wife and a six-week-old baby, were alone in the house and asleep when the explosion oc-curred, and although they were blown some distance with the wreckage they escaped serious injury.

### YIELD A LITTLE TO ROOSEVELT

HOUSE LEADERS DECIDE THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE.

May Pass a Mild Anti-Injunction Bill, Provide for Payment of Damages to Federal Employees Injured in Line of Duty and Pass a Campaign Publicity Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 30 .- Taunted by the Democrats and harried and baited by frequent messages from the White House the Republican leaders of the House of Representatives are getting busy with a legislative programme more comprehensive than was contemplated originally. They have decided that something must be done to dissipate the idea that this is a "do nothing Congress." The Democrats are trying to create the impression that their Republican brethren are afraid of taking any important legislative action on the eve of a national campaign, and it is contended that President Roosevelt is doing the best he can to make the country believe that Congress won't do its duty.

It became apparent to-day that the legislative programme of Speaker Cannon and his lieutenants has been carefully revised. The new schedule provides for the passage of an anti-injunction bill, a measure providing for the payment of damages by the Government to Government employees injured in the line of duty and a few weeks. campaign publicity bill. These, combined with the District of Columbia child labor bill and the Civic Federation bill proposing important amendments to the Sherman anti-trust act, constitute the legislative programme of the Administration. The Civic Federation bill will not be passed. Should the President insist upon it such action might precipitate a dangerous party

A few days ago Mr. Payne of New York, the Republican floor leader, introduced a bill to restrict the power to grant injunctions. It escaped general attention until When word was passed around that Mr. Payne had offered such a measure it was interpreted as a determination on the part of the leaders to make some concession to organized labor. The Payne antiinjunction bill is regarded by many Republicans as a happy medium between the extreme view on the subject entertained by leaders of organized labor and the view that any attempt to interfere with the jurisdiction of the courts would be unconstitutional

The difficulties that confront Congress in legislating on the subject are strikingly brought out in the opinions already expressed on the Payne bill. President Samuel Gompers of the Federation of Labor has visited the Capitol to protest against its passage. It is likewise condemned by constitutional lawyers on the House Committee on the Judiciary. The bill, which is simple in form and brief, provides "that hereafter no preliminary injunction or restraining order shall be granted by any Judge or court without notice to the party sought to be enjoined or restrained, unless it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court or Judge to whom application for such injunction or restraining order is made that the immediate issue junction or restraining order is necessary to prevent irreparable damage.

Section 2 of the measure reads as fol-

"That any such injunction or restrainng order granted shall contain a rule on the opposite party to show cause within five days why such injunction or restraining order shall not be continued."

The anti-injunction bill introduced by Mr. Pearre of Maryland, which is indorsed by organized labor, would stop the issue of an injunction or restraining order pending a hearing. "It would effectively destroy the rights of property and might end in widespread disaster both to capital and labor," said a member of the Judiciary Committee in commenting upon its pro-

While it is evident that the House leaders will endeavor to put through Mr. Payne's injunction bill, it is the general opinion at the Capitol that its adoption by the House will not influence the Senate to change its determination not to consider labor injunction legislation at this session.

SALUTES FROM HARBOR FORTS. Regulations Will Not Stop San Francisc Welcome to Fleet.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30 .- Salutes from the biggest guns in the service will be fired from the Presidio and Fort Baker batteries as Admiral Evans's fleet files through the Golden Gate. The regulations provide that only foreign warships shall be saluted upon entering United States harbors, but the regulations will be suspended and the Atlantic fleet will receive salute that will be in proportion to the

long cruise it has made. Brig.-Gen. Frederick Funston appeared before the executive body of the reception committee yesterday afternoon and told of the plans of the defence stations for wel-

coming the fleet. He said: "We are going to stretch the regulation which say that we are to salute only foreign men-o'-war and give this great fleet a welcome from the biggest guns in the Pacific. None of your salutes from three pound guns. We are going to use the twelve inch breech loading rifles, the finest guns our defence service has built. And we are going to use black powder. Not because we have no other but because black powder makes the most noise and the most smoke."

TAFT STARTS FOR PANAMA.

Will Sail From Charleston in the Cruise Prairie and Return on May 25.

WASHINGTON April 80 .—Secretary of War Taft left Washington this afternoon for Charleston, S. C., on his trip to Panama. He will be accompanied by Wendell W. Mischler, his confidential secretary, and Richard Reed Rogers, general counsel of the Isthmian Canal Commission. The party will arrive in Charleston to-morrow morning and will immediately go aboard the cruiser Prairie, which reached there yesterday. The Prairie is expected to arrive at Panama next Tuesday.

During his visit to the isthmus Mr. Taf will make an inspection of the progress of the canal work, endeavor to arrange settlement of the boundary dispute between Panama and Colombia and also to settle many affairs pending between the sone government and the Republic of Panama. He will be out of the United States until May 20, when he will reach Pensacols on his return trip. He will then go to Nashville to make a political speech. He is expected back in Washington about May 25.

#### SPEEDIEST OF CRUISERS.

British Cruiser Indomitable Makes a New Warship Record.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. GLASGOW, April 30 .- It is stated that the new armored turbine cruiser Indomitable has beaten all warship speed records.

She has made 28 knots on the measured mile on the Clyde, and kept up 261/2 knots under continuous steaming.

SQUARE RIGGER ASHORE. Down at Zack's Inlet-Too Foggy to Go

to the Rescue. Fire Island reported a square rigged 'essel ashore at Zack's Inlet at 8 o'clock last night. At a late hour it was said that

no particulars as to the stranded craft or the fate of her crew had been learned. The Merritt & Chapman Wrecking ompany was notified, but decided that the weather was too thick to venture down with a tug before daylight.

SENATE PAGE'S MISTAKE.

Took Senator Foraker's Order to "Dick" for a Lunch to Senator Dick.

WASHINGTON, April 30.-Senator Foraker as a rule refers all political inquirers to his colleague, Senator Dick. Probably that accounts for the mistake made by the Senate page who has been on duty but a

During a lull in the proceedings in the Senate yesterday Mr. Foraker clapped for a page and directed him to serve him lunch in the cloak room.

"Tell Dick to bring me a sandwich and a cup of coffee to the cloak room," said the Senator.

The boy looked in the direction of Senator Dick, appeared puzzled, but went to him and delivered the message. Senator Dick understood. Dick is the head waiter in the Senate restaurant, and it is only very new page who has to be told to whom a Senator refers when he sends an order to Dick.

SKYSCRAPER FOR LIVERPOOL. To Face the Mersey and to Be 300 Feet High-Plans Authorized.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LIVERPOOL, April 30.-The corporation has authorized the construction of an office building 300 feet high opposite the Prince's landing stage on the bank of the Mersey. It will be the first skyscraper ever built in England.

FINED THE MAYOR'S CHAUFFEUR Wouldn't Turn at Cop's Request-Threat-

ened He'd Have 'Em "Broke." Edgar L. Leatherman, Mayor McClellan's chauffeur, was fined \$2 by Magistrate Cornell in the West Side court yesterday for violat-

ing the rules of the road. Leatherman had taken Mrs. McClellan to a benefit performance at the New York Theatre and had settled himself to wait for her when he was ordered by Lieut, Dennin of the traffic squad to turn his machine -around because it was impeding traffic Leatherman refused to turn and accord-

ing to the police became insolent. Lieut. Dennin ordered Patrolman Wilson

to arrest him. At the West Forty-seventh street station the police say. Leatherman threatened to have his captor "broke." In the police court Leatherman smiled until the Court fined him \$2. He paid and went back for Mrs.

McClellan. TETRAZZINI TRIUMPHS AGAIN. Prince and Princess of Wales and Brilliant

London Audlence Hear Her. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, April 30 .- The Covent Garden opera season opened to-night with another triumph for Mme. Tetrazzini. Enthusiasts began to gather at the doors at 9 o'clock this morning despite a drenching rain, which lasted all day but which did not dampen the fervor of those determined to

hear the popular prima donna. The Prince and Princess of Wales and a throng of titled and notable personages filled the hoves and stalls and joined in the ovation to Mme. Tetrazzini, which, possible, eclipsed the furore she caused

last year. Mme. Patti came to London from Wales purposely to attend the performance, and she followed the new prima donna's singing absorbedly. The opera was "Traviata. Mme. Tetrazzini was in splendid voice and was called before the curtain again and

again. Less, but considerable, interest centred in the new Hungarian tenor Marak, who was rather nervous. He, however, created an excellent impression.

SHOCK THREW HIM TO STREET B. R. T. Switchman Stumbled Agains

Third Rail and Fell From Structure. Samuel Gettler of 172 Delancey street Manhattan, a signalman employed by the B. R. T. in the tower at the East New York loop, Broadway and Manhattan Junction, was killed last night by coming in contact with the third rail. One of the switch signals failed to work properly after the rain storm and Gettler went down from the tower and along the tracks to repair it. He slipped on the wet ties and fell against the third rail. The shock threw Gettler from the structure into the street below, where his body nar-

LEOPARD AMONG SPECTATORS. Leaps From Enclosure During Performance

BALTIMORE, April 30 .- During the performance at the zoo to-night a leopard which was performing suddenly leaped over the top of the large open cage into the gallery. In his flight his claws caught into the cheek of Louis Long, a boy who was leaning over the gallery rail, and made a deep wound. The leopard himself was badly frightened and ran into a room adjoining the gallery, where he was cap-

POLICE PARADE MAY 9. Five Thousand Men Will March, Headed by Inspector Certright.

The annual police parade will take place

tured later.

on May 9. About 5,000 men, headed by Chief Inspector Moses Cortright, will be in The parade will start at 10 o'clock in the morning, probably at Lafayette street and Astor place, and will be reviewed at the

Worth monument about noon.

FOR SLOW DIGESTION take Horsford's Acid Phosphate—especially recommended for relief of eb-stinate indigestion, headeche and depression.—Ada,

## 110 VOTES TO START HUGHES

FRIDAY, MAY 1/ 1908. Fair and much colder to day, with high west to northwest winds; fair and not quite so cold to-morrow.

SAYS GEN. WOODFORD-RACING

BILLS BOB UP. Ruled Out as Not the Business of Delegates -- Party Peril Recognized--Commit-

tees on Ways and Means-Roosevelt

Claim of 70 New York Votes Negatived.

Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, president of the Hughes National League, presided at the Hotel Astor yesterday at the conference of the delegates at large and their alternates and the Congress district delegates from the Empire State to the Republican national convention at Chicago. Gen. Woodford is chief delegate at large, and at the conference were Seth Low and Frederick R. Hazard, associate delegates at large, and Norman J. Gould and Charles W. Anderson, alternates at large. Edward

H. Butler, the remaining delegate at large,

is in Europe. Senator John Raines, an

alternate at large, did not attend. In addition there were present 24 of the 74 Congress district delegates, and besides Gen. Woodford received letters from 29 Congress district delegates saying in effect that they would carry out heartily all that was decided on at vesterday's con-

Gen. Woodford, after the conference, declared that Gov. Hughes would go into the Chicago convention with 110 delegates at his back on the first ballot, 66 of them from New York State. Gen. Woodford declined to tell from what States the remaining 44 delegates are to come.

The conference was considered an important one. It was held in the Pompelan parlors of the Astor, and besides those already named there were present Timothy L. Woodruff, chairman of the Republican State committee; Representative Herbert Parsons, president of the New York Republican county committee; Postmaster Greiner of Buffalo, Col. George W. Dunn, Cornelius V. Collins, Superintendent of Prisons; Senator Jotham P. Allds, William Berri,

Senator Page, Senator Agnew, Ezra Prentice, Speaker James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Thomas P. Whittle, Job E. Hedges, James C. Cornwall, E. R. Proctor, Alfred E. Vass, Joseph T. Hackett, Samuel Koenig, Taylor H. Burden, Edward Healey, William H. Ten Eyek, Luther M. Mott, Samuel Krulewitch and others. Gen. Woodford addressd the conference and said: "Any statement from any source that Gov. Hughes's name will be withdrawn

from the Presidential canvass is absolutely

without foundation. If nominated he will

do his best to secure the victory of our

party in November. He is to-day far more interested in securing needed legislation in New York State than he is in any possiole can lidacy for any office." Gen. Woodford went on to say that it was a little unusual to call the delegates to the national convention of the Republican party together. The gr said, was entirely unofficial and informal, was one for consultation, and there was no

desire to attempt to bind the delegates

further than the instructions of the State

convention or of the Congress district conventions. Gen Woodford added: "Never in all my long political life have seen the Republican party on the eve of a Presidential canvass so torn or divided by differences of opinion on public questions of the greatest moment as it is to-day If we are successful in the coming campaign it will be the first time in history that a party has elected its candidate after a financial panie has occurred during an administration of which it had control. Here in this State a majority of the State Senate of the Governor's own party have divided on a matter on which the Governor has especially desired action and on which he feels very deeply. Practically the same thing has happened in the Assembly. We are thus drifting into a Presidential fight with a very serious handicap. There is great need that in this critical situation we act advisedly, with the exercise of all the tact we possess; and in the greatest good temper. We want to talk

over with you to-day ways and means." For a number of weeks Republicans in the State of New York have declared openly that Gov. Hughes's name would not be presented at Chicago as New York's choice for the Presidency. In that time also a number of Republicans close to President Roosevelt have gone up and down the avenues in Washington and elsewhere proclaiming that President Roosevelt's friends in New York State controlled nearly seventy of the seventy-eight delegates to the Chicago convention. These facts were stated by several Republicans who attended yesterday's conference, and they made it knows in as incisive words as possible that these utterances of the Roosevelt Republicans were largely responsible for yesterday's conference. The friends of Gov. Hughes thought it time to take some steps by means of yesterday's conference to let it be known to Republicans all over the country that the boast of the Roosevelt Republicans regarding the situation in the State of New

York was without foundation. At the morning session of the conference Seth Low thought it advisable to announce that the presence of newspaper men was embarrassing. William Berri compated this, declaring that certainly there could be nothing said at the conference which should not have the widest publicity. But it was evident that something was to be discussed which should be spoken of in executive session. Gen Woodford himself took this ground and sided with Mr. Low. There was thereupon an adjournment for lunch at 1 o'clock and all of the proceedings of the afternoon

were in executive session. It turned out that Gen. Woodford and his friends feared that some member of the conference might introduce some thing concerning legislation at Albany especially the attitude of the Republican party in the Senate on the Agnew-Hart racetrack bills. That is just exactly what did happen. Gen. Woodford appoints Mr. Low, ex-Representative William H Douglass and Alexander V. Campbell e special committee to present to the conference a plan of procedure, and this special committee submitted in executive see

the following report: That the conference before it adjourns should authorize its chairman, Gen. Woodford, to appoint such committees as in his judgment may be desirable, of which be shall himself be a member ex officio, to ad vance the candidacy of Gov. Hughes for the Presidency, to the end-that the delegation